

Titles and descriptors for use by Architectural Technology professionals

This document details the titles and descriptors for members and affiliates to use when defining their profession. These have been approved by Executive Board, who appreciate that in some cases the job function will dictate the title, where the individual does not fit within the generic profile of a Chartered Architectural Technologist or part-qualified and/or junior and that job titles will link closely to the profile of the employer.

For members

This section is for use by those classified as members, as per the Laws of the Institute.

Student member — no designation

A student member is an individual currently studying to qualify in the discipline. They remain a student member until they complete the academic part of their professional development.

Professional descriptor: Student member of CIAT

Recommended job titles for an individual with student membership are:

- Junior Architectural Technologist
- Student Architectural Technologist
- Trainee Architectural Technologist

Associate members — ACIAT

An Associate member, with an accompanying protected designation, is recognition of the individual's academic achievement within Architectural Technology only. As such, the individual is part-qualified as an Architectural Technology professional and is a holding class of membership until the individual progresses and qualifies as a Chartered Architectural Technologist. Qualification is via the MCIAT Professional Assessment (PA) or MCIAT Professional and Occupational Performance (POP) Record.

Professional descriptor: Associate member of CIAT

Recommended job titles for an individual with Associate membership are:

- Architectural Technologist¹
- Graduate Architectural Technologist (if graduated from an Architectural Technology degree programme)
- Junior Architectural Technologist
- Part-Qualified Architectural Technologist
- Trainee Architectural Technologist

¹ The term 'Architectural Technologist' is not a protected title, CIAT would therefore not object to its use, particularly by those part qualified as it would be an accurate statement.

Chartered Architectural Technologist — MCIAT or FCIAT

Chartered Architectural Technologist is a protected title. Its use is restricted to those individuals who have successfully completed the Institute's qualifying process. CIAT is the only body which can award this qualification under authority of the Privy Council. Reference to Chartered Architectural Technologist should be made to differentiate against individuals who describe themselves as Architectural Technologists and have not demonstrated their knowledge, competence, experience and professionalism.

There are two designations which accompany the Chartered Architectural Technologist qualification – MCIAT and FCIAT. They are not used together. The MCIAT designation is used by a person who has achieved the qualification of Chartered Architectural Technologist. The FCIAT designation signifies a Fellow Member and is awarded to Chartered Architectural Technologists who have demonstrated significant contribution to and/or excellence in Architectural Technology.

Professional descriptor: Chartered Architectural Technologist

All Chartered Architectural Technologists are encouraged to describe themselves as per the examples below:

Lorraine McCall MCIAT
Chartered Architectural Technologist

Lorraine McCall FCIAT
Chartered Architectural Technologist

CIAT Chartered Practice

CIAT Chartered Practice is the protected title given to a practice which has a Chartered Architectural Technologist/s as a director/partner/principal. They are placed on the Register of CIAT Chartered Practices which can be found at: architecturaltechnology.com/find-a-practice.html.

This Register is for practices who have satisfied the requirements for registration with the Institute. The practice then may describe themselves as a 'CIAT Chartered Practice' and use the CIAT Chartered Practice logo, which is issued under license and subject to approval, only CIAT can award this title.

For affiliates

This section is for use by those classified as affiliates, as per the Laws of the Institute.

Affiliates (AT professionals) – no designation

An affiliate is a status for those with the requisite professional experience but not necessarily a recognised academic qualification. They will need to progress and qualify as a Chartered Architectural Technologist. It is important to understand that affiliate status is a holding category (as defined in section B of the *Code of Conduct* architecturaltechnology.com/about/code-of-conduct.html).

Affiliates are permitted to promote their affiliation with CIAT to prospective clients and peers by referring to themselves as a:

- CIAT affiliate; **or**
- CIAT affiliate whilst working towards attaining Chartered Architectural Technologist, MCIAT status.

Affiliates – in practice

The Affiliate Register retains those with affiliate status (who may possess either or both the requisite professional experience and academic qualification/s) who are offering and providing services to clients. This is intended as a holding category which allows individuals already providing services directly to clients to join the Institute whilst complying with the *Code of Conduct* to enable them to progress to Chartered Architectural Technologist status. All affiliates, in accordance with the *Code of Conduct*, must register their practice/s that they are the director/partner/principal of. The Affiliate Register is not accessible by the public and is retained by the Institute only. Once an affiliate has achieved Chartered Architectural Technologist status, they are then added to the CIAT Chartered Practice Register. Please see *Requirements for Registration: CIAT Affiliates in Practice* architecturaltechnology.com/resource/requirements-for-affiliatesinpractice.html for further information.

Affiliates (non – AT professionals) – no designation

There is an affiliate status for those individuals who are **not** AT professionals but have an interest in Architectural Technology and/or built environment sector and wish to be associated with CIAT and support the discipline. Those individuals must adhere to section C of our *Code of Conduct* (architecturaltechnology.com/about/code-of-conduct.html).

At all times and they refer to themselves as:

- CIAT affiliate

Misuse of titles and descriptors

Misuse of any of these protected titles and descriptors will result in action being taken via the Institute's *Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures* or via legal redress.

Further details on all of the above can be found on our website, architecturaltechnology.com or by emailing membership@ciat.global.

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